STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER JONATHAN S. ADELSTEIN

Amendment of Part 101 of the Commission's Rules to Modify Antenna Requirements for the 10.7 – 11.7 GHz Band; Nextlink Wireless, Inc.; First Avenue Networks, Inc.; Telecom Transport Management, Inc.; Conterra Ultra Broadband, LLC; WT Docket No. 07-54, RM-11043.

I am pleased to support this Report and Order providing for the use of smaller antennas by Fixed Service operators in the 11 GHz band. Granting the flexibility for carriers to utilize this available and evolving technology will allow for greater spectral and cost efficiencies. I have previously encouraged the use of smaller antennas in light of the benefits achieved from their use. In particular, our actions today should make it easier for the last-mile delivery of wireless broadband services to buildings that may currently be difficult or expensive to reach with antennas allowed under our prior rules. I am also pleased that the item endorses principles to address aggregate interference concerns in a manner that protects incumbent licensees while not disrupting the use and expansion of terrestrial microwave services in the band.

Technology in the wireless space moves too fast to be delayed by an unnecessarily long deliberation at the FCC. I am happy to support this item that moves our wireless broadband efforts forward.